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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 5810

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SUBJ: RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES (KARGABURUN
AND IZMIR)

REF: ANKARA 5782

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS ASULA INFORMED US THIS
AFTERNOON (JULY 28) THAT TURKISH GENREAL STAFF (TGS) HAS
CONFIRMED THAT PRIMARY ACTIVITY OF KARGABURUN LORAN STATION
MUST BE SUSPENDED. TGS EXPLAINED THAT, ALTHOUGH
KARGABURUN "MAY NOT BE AN INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION STATION",
ITS FUNCTION DID NOT DIRECTLY SERVE NATIONAL DEFENSE INTEREST
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OD TURKEY AND WAS NOT ESSENTIAL TO WELL-BEING OF U.S. TROOPS

AS IN CASE WITH COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS. ASULA WAS TOLD THAT EMBASSY HAD NOT RPT NOT REQUESTED KARGABURUN TO SHUT DOWN ITS LORAN TRANSMITTER, WHICH MIGHT THEREFORE BE FUNCTIONING WHEN TURKISH COMMANDER ARRIVED JULY 29. ASULA INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY NOT CAUSE A PROBLEM.

2. TGS J-5 GENERAL URUG (WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS CONTACT POINT FOR THIS SUBJECT) ASKEJ CHIEF JUSMMAT THIS AFTERNOON FOR CONFIRMATION THAT PRIMARY ACTIVITIES AT "FIVE COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS" HAD BEEN CLOSED DOWN SO THAT HE MIGHT ASSURE TGS CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL SANCAR OF THIS FACT WHEN HE RETURNS TO ANKARA THIS EVENING. GENERAL GALLOWAY NOTED THAT ACTIVITIES HAD CEASED AT FOUR INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION STATIONS BUT THAT KARGABURUN HAS NEVER BEEN CLASSIFIED AS A CDI, IT HAS HERETOFORE BEEN CONSIDERED A COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION, AND GOT INTENTION TO CLOSE DOWN ITS ACTIVITIES WAS NOT RPT NOT KNOWN BY EMBASSY UNTIL EVENING OF JULY 27 AT GENERAL URUG'S REQUEST CHIEF JUSMMAT EXPLAINED NATURE OF KARGABURUN'S OPERATION, NOTING THAT NATO SHIPS RELIED ON ITS NAVIGATIONAL SIGNALS ASULA HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS POINT). URUG TOO NOTES BUT REMARKED THAT NO TURKISH SHIPS POSSESSED LORAN RECEIVERS.

3. ASULA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE OMISSION OF IZMIR FROM THE LIST OF PORTS THROUGH WHICH U.S. SUPPLIES MIGHT BE IMPORTED WAS PERHAPS A MISTAKE AND HE REGRETTED INCONVENIENCE THIS WOULD CAUSE IN SUPPORTING U.S. CONTINGENTS AT THE TWO NATO HEADQUARTERS THERE. TGS HAD POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT, BECAUSE THIS LIST WAS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY CABINET AND BECAUSE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO GET CABINET TO CHANGE IT, LIST MUST STAND AS IT IS.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT INCLUSION OF KARGABURUN ON THE SUSPENSION LIST AND OMISSION OF IZMIR FROM THE PORT LIST WERE BOTH PROBABLY SIMPLE ERRORS. TURKISH OFFICIALS APPEAR, HOWEVER, TO BE IN NO MOOD TO RECTIFY THEM.

5. NEVERTHELESS, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THERE IS STILL A VERY SLIM CHANCE THAT UPON FURTHER REFLECTION TURKS MAY NOT CLOSE DOWN KARGABURUN
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OPERATIONS, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY POLICY OF NOT SUSPENDING ANY OPERATIONS WHICH TURKS MIGHT CONCEIVABLY PERMIT TO CONTINUE, WE ARE NOT RPT NOT NOW RPT NOW INSTRUCTING KARGABURUN TO CEASE OPERATIONS. WE ARE, HOWEVER, PASSING MESSAGE TO KARGABURUN TO CEASE LORAN TRANSMISSIONS IF AND WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO BY NEW TURKISH COMMANDER.
END COMMENT.
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